



Jay Allen receives Caregiver Award at the gala. From left: Harry Johns, Princess Jasmin, Jay Allen, Amber Rich, Kylie Morgan, Casandra Robertson, and Evan Robertson.

Alzheimer's Association

THE 32ND ANNUAL CHICAGO RITA HAYWORTH GALA

MORE THAN 600 GUESTS CELEBRATED at the 32nd annual Alzheimer's Association's Chicago Rita Hayworth Gala underwritten by Rolex on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the Hilton Chicago. Attendees enjoyed a magical evening and raised more than \$1 million for the critical work of the Alzheimer's Association's research, care, and support programs. This year's theme, "The Key to Our Future", was inspired by Paris' world-famous Pont des Arts (the Love Lock Bridge) and brought together supporters passionate about unlocking a world without Alzheimer's disease.

Longtime Alzheimer's Association supporters, Joan and Paul Rubschlager, were honored with the "Legacy Award" for their longtime efforts of supporting the charity. Jay Allen, country music singer known for his hit

song "Blank Stares", was honored with the "Caregiver Award" alongside his father and sisters, who lost their mother to the disease earlier this year.

The gala, which stands as one of the Alzheimer's Association's marquee fundraising events of the year, was led by Barrington co-chairs and avid supporters, the Murphy family: Dan J. Murphy Jr., JoAnn Murphy, Dan Murphy III, and Jim Murphy. The Murphy family shares a personal connection to the disease as Dan Jr.'s mother passed away from Alzheimer's in 2011. Dan Murphy Jr. is the president and COO for Idealease, a truck leasing company based in Barrington, as well as a co-owner of Wynstone Golf Club in North Barrington with his wife, JoAnn, and his sons. Dan Murphy III is vice president of Financial Advisory Services at BMO Harris Bank in Chicago and Jim Murphy is an assistant state attorney for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

"My family and I were so honored to be part of this year's Chicago Rita Hayworth Gala and immensely grateful for everyone's dedication to making it such a success," said Dan Murphy Jr., gala co-chair. "It was such a beautiful evening comprised of passionate Chicagoans striving to work towards a



In 2018, Nashville artist Jay Allen went viral after releasing a song he wrote for his mother who suffered from Alzheimer's titled, "Blank Stares". With over 125 million views on Facebook and 200,000 followers on social media, his story has been featured worldwide across media. He and his band The Stallions are touring the country, and alongside The National Alzheimer's Association, have helped to raise more than \$30 million for the charity.



Gala leaders (from left) Dan Murphy III, Dan Murphy Jr., Princess Yasmin Aga Kahn, and Gala Co-Chairs JoAnn Murphy and Jim Murphy.



Chicago philanthropists Paul and Joan Rubschlager received the Legacy Award.



Alzheimer's Association National Boards of Directors Chairman Dave Golterman and wife Betsy Goltermann. The couple served as Gala Steering Committee Members.

world without Alzheimer's. We continue to be amazed by Princess Yasmin and her mission to use her mother's legacy to raise awareness for Alzheimer's disease with her valiant commitment to this annual gala."

Considered one of the city's most anticipated galas of the year, the evening was comprised of an elegant cocktail reception, three-course dinner, a recognition and tribute awards program, live and silent auctions, and a live performance from Jay Allen of his hit song "Blank Stares". ABC 7 news anchor, Alan Krashesky, emceed the event.

Princess Yasmin Aga Khan founded the Rita Hayworth Galas to pay tribute to her mother, Rita Hayworth, who lived with Alzheimer's for many years before succumbing to the disease in 1987. Under Princess Yasmin Aga Khan's leadership, more than \$77 million has been raised through the Chicago and New York Rita Hayworth Galas. The 2020 Chicago Rita Hayworth Gala will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020. Ticket information will be available in early 2020. To learn more, visit www.alz.org.



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